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SUBJ: STATUS OF RATIFICATIONS OF VENEZUELA'S ADMISSION
INTO ANDEAN PACT

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1. ACCORDING TO JUNTA LAWYER ALFONSO VIDALES, COLOMBIA HAS CABLED JUNTA THAT IT HAS APPROVED CONSENSUS OF LIMA AND THAT DEPOSIT OF RATIFICATION DOCUMENT AT LAFTA SECRETARIAT IN MONTEVIDEO TO FOLLOW SHORTLY.

2. ALL OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY DEPOSITED CERTIFIED COPIES OF RESPECTIVE RATIFICATION DOCUMENTS AT JUNTA AND PRESUMABLY ALSO AT LAFTA SECRETARIAT. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT VENEZUELEN MEMBERSHIP IS EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE ALL SIX COUNTRIES HAVE DEPOSITED THEIR RATIFICATION DOCUMENTS IN MONTEVIDEO.

3. VENEZUELA DEPOSITED CERTIFIED COPY OF RATIFICATION
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DOCUMENT IN LIMA DURING NOVEMBER 26-30 COMMISSION MEETING.

THIS RAISES A QUESTION REGARDING STARTING DATE OF 120 DAY PERIOD BY END OF WHICH VENEZUELA MUST EFFECT VARIOUS TARIFF MODIFICATIONS, ETC. TO BRING IT INTO LINE WITH THE OTHER PACT MEMBERS. DECISION 70 STATES IN ARTICLES 1 AND 4 THAT THIS PERIOD STARTS THE DATE OF DEPOSIT OF VENEZUELA'S RATIFICATION DOCUMENTS WITH THE COMMISSION SECRETARIAT IN LIMA.

4. VIDALES OF OPINION THAT THIS WORDING OF DECISION 70 WAS AN OVERSIGHT AND THAT 120 DAY COUNTDOWN SHOULD START WHEN ALL SIX COUNTRIES HAVE DEPOSITED RATIFICATION DOCUMENTS WITH LAFTA SECRETARIAT IN MONTEVIDEO. GIVEN THE ACTUAL WORDING OF DECISION 70, HOWEVER, VIDALES' LEGAL OPINION IS THAT THE 120 DAY PERIOD STARTED NOVEMBER 27, 1973.

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